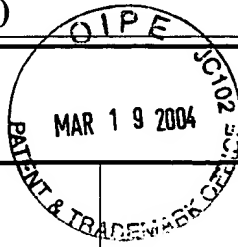


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**P5742**

In Re Application Of: **Blacket**



Serial No.  
**09/509,302**

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**06/02/2000**

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**3726**

Invention: **SHEET JOINING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND AND A RIVET FOR USE IN THE METHOD**

**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of **September 16, 2003** above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: **December 16, 2003**  
*Date*

until: **March 16, 2004**  
*Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

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The fee for the extension of time is **\$475** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **18-2284**

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **18-2284** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

*Signature*

Dated: **March 16, 2004**

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